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SUBJ: OECD OIL COMMITTEE AND HLG MEETING, DECEMBER 19

LONDON FOR UNDER SEC. DONALDSON AND JULIUS KATZ

1. US SHARES ITALIAN CONCERNS ABOUT ADVISABILITY OF HOLDING DECEMBER 19 MEETINGS IF THERE IS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF USEFUL SESSION AT THAT TIME. NON-PRODUCTIVE MEETINGS CAN WEAKEN EFFECTIVENESS OF BOTH OIL COMMITTEE AND HLG. HOWEVER, WE PUT THESE CONSIDERATIONS FORWARD IN ATTEMPTING TO HAVE NOVEMBER 19 HLG MEETING POSTPONED AND WISH TO AVOID ANY APPEARANCE OF CAMPAIGN TO OBSTRUCT OUR COMMON EFFORTS ON OIL MATTERS. THEREFORE, US DOES NOT WISH TO PLAY A LEADING ROLE IN ANY POSTPONEMENT OF DECEMBER MEETINGS.

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2. USOECD AND INFO ADDRESSEES SHOULD TAKE FOLLOWING

LINE ON THIS SUBJECT, BUT ONLY IF ASKED TO COMMENT:

(A) THE US IS AGREEABLE TO A POSTPONEMENT IF THERE IS A CONSENSUS FOR TAKING THIS ACTION. IF NOT, WE WILL OF COURSE PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY AS IN THE PAST.

(B) WE DO SHARE THE ITALIAN CONCERNS NOTED IN PARA ONE AND QUESTION WHETHER DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE LAST MEETING ONLY FOUR WEEKS AGO WARRANT ANOTHER SESSION AT THIS TIME. ON THE MATTER OF DISCUSSING THE OIL SHARING OPTIONS PAPER

ON DECEMBER 19, WE DOUBT GOVERNMENTS WILL BE IN POSITION TO BEGIN SUBSTANTIAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS DUE TO SHORTNESS OF TIME SINCE REPORT COMPLETED. PORTER

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